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Regional School Comm. Active; Roofers Begin

The Pioneer Valley Regional school committee met last evening but too late for this issue of The Press.

At their last meeting they held a conference with a representative selling auditorium furniture; discussed various matters with the architect including an air compression pipe to the industrial arts shop, electrical changes, etc.

Work is being done on the driveways and crushed rock is already being laid beginning at the east entrance on the Mt. Hermon Road. It is expected roofers will begin work this week. Bus schedules are being studied and will be announced soon. Copies of the school curriculum are being distributed to students for next fall's planning.

The committee voted to re-invest \$200,000 in government bonds for three months, money that they will not need to use until after that period.

This is a hard-working committee spending many hours a week in an effort to have this new school in the best possible order for opening in September.

Hotel and Chateau Receives Award

The Northfield Hotel and Chateau of East Northfield were honored by Duncan Hines as an 80-year member of the Duncan Hines family recently in Chicago.

Hines awarded the citation at the 15th annual Duncan Hines family dinner at Chicago's Sheraton hotel Monday.

Twenty-year members of the "Duncan Hines Family" are restaurants listed in Hines' guide book, "Adventures in Good Eating," 20 years ago and still recommended in 1956.

Evening Alliance Meets Here Wednesday

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian church met on Wednesday evening of last week for its annual meeting, the final meeting of the season. A dinner was served at 6:30 in charge of Mrs. Shirley Kehl, Miss Nellie Dearstyne and Mrs. Virginia Haack. At the business meeting which followed reports of the various officers were heard and these officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Joseph Morgan; vice president, Mrs. Herman Miner; secretary, Miss Mary Eldena Pratt; treasurer, Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed; sunshine fund, Miss Emma Bigelow.

Various committees are to be appointed.

Guests were Mrs. Elmer Richards of East Longmeadow, district director, and Mrs. Arthur Ball of Springfield, president of the Connecticut Valley Associate Alliance.

Pre-School Clinic Set For Saturday

On Saturday, May 25, the annual pre-school clinic will be held at the Center school from 9 to 11 a.m. Any child who will enter the first grade in September should attend this clinic. A physical examination will be given by the school physician and first grade teachers will be present so that the prospective pupils may meet them.

Each child should bring his birth and vaccination certificates at this time.

Children who will be six years old by January 1, 1958 will be eligible to start school in the fall.

Winners Told in Membership Contest

The Northfield Athletic association has announced the winners in the membership card sales contest. The winners were: first, Ronnie Jordan with 40; second, Tommie Shearer, 35; third, Freddie Holton, 32; Richard Repeta, 28.

The total is estimated at 315 although the tickets have not all been counted yet.

This Saturday the club will hold a food sale beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning on the high school grounds. Mrs. F. Sumner Turner, Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. William Hawley are assisting and anyone willing to contribute food for the sale will please call one of these ladies so that they will have an estimate of what they will have. Food will be picked up if desired.

All who wish to play baseball should be at the high school field Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

"Mr. Bones, Who Was Dat Lady..."

Next week Friday and Saturday evenings, May 24 and 25, the Northfield Kiwanis club will make its premiere at the town hall beginning at 8 o'clock. The minstrel show is being directed by William Forest, an experienced director in that line of entertainment. Mrs. Elaine Williams, also experienced, will be pianist. The program will be made up of many specialty acts that will entertain everyone.

Edward Hurley is interlocutor and the end men are to be Julian Barber, Peter Ladzinski, Chick Canon, Frank Kelley, George Leonard and Hamilton Cregar.

Program numbers will include a duet by Dr. Ansel B. True and Charles Repeta; a quartet with Bob Abbott, Stanley Powers, Paul Mayberry and Dick Feld; solos by William Forrest, Jessica Walker and David Arnsden and tap dancing by Eleanor Powers and Ronnie Jordan.

The chorus will consist of approximately 25 members of the club and the rehearsals promise a most entertaining and interesting evening.

Seven Children Christened Here

Babies and children christened or baptised at the morning special service on Sunday at the Unitarian Congregational church were: Bruce Lincoln Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Andrew; Dennis Paul and Sanford LeRoy Edson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Edson; Kathryn Jane Wood, foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edson; Bonnie Lee Gidney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gidney; Douglas Scott Given, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Given, Jr.; Ellen Mary Nimmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russel T. Nimmons.

Cathedral Visits Told At Meeting of Guild

At the meeting of St. Patrick's Guild last week Elizabeth O'Keefe told of cathedrals which she had visited in the United States, Canada and Mexico and showed pictures and cards of many of them.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Miss Mary Callaghan. Plans are being made for a strawberry festival, when the berries are in season, Miss Helen Podlenski, chairman of the committee in charge. Mrs. Richard Vilmetti was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Walter Wozniak won the attendance prize. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Joseph Krefmas, Mrs. Donald Huber, Mrs. Mrs. Wozniak and Miss Edna Bistrek.

Many Guests at Grange Meeting

The Northfield Grange No. 3 met Tuesday evening with 30 present, including guests from Shelburne, Whately, Keene and Brattleboro.

Nell Sanderson of Whately, assistant steward of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange, made an official visitation.

Invitations were accepted for a visiting officers' night at Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield for May 27 and from Cheshire Grange of Keene, N. H., for June 20.

Ralph Blackmer, chairman of the Massachusetts State Grange educational aid committee and agent for the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance company, spoke on the Four-square Medical Plan for Grange members. Refreshments were served in May baskets by Mrs. Rhoda Kempkes and Miss Florence Lyman, assisted by Mrs. Nellie Bigelow.

Announcements were made of the meeting of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange at Whately on May 27 for a safety night program with the Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange as guests; of the next meeting May 28 a birthday social, and of New England Grange Sunday to be held at the New England Grange building at the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield on June 2 with a service at 11 a.m., basket lunch and a meeting with program at 2 p.m.

Spring Music Is School Theme

Parents and friends are invited to attend the spring music program of the pupils of the Center school on next Tuesday morning, May 21, at 10 o'clock on the school grounds. The theme of the day is to be folk music, each grade will have a folk dance and there will be folk songs by a choral group and the band. The program will be about an hour long and the children will then return to their classrooms to continue the day's work. This is an outdoor affair so all are hoping for nice weather.

Republican Women At Dinner on Thursday

The public will be welcome at the dinner meeting of the Franklin County Women's Republican club on Thursday evening, May 23, at the Bernardston elementary school at 6:30. The speaker of the evening is to be Sidney Radner, former agent of the U. S. army's criminal investigation division, who will present an outstanding lecture-demonstration of how the public is cheated at all so-called "games of chance."

The tickets are \$1.25 and reservations here in Northfield may be made with Mrs. Carrie Jeannette Carr. Today, Friday, is the deadline for reservations.

Legion Meeting

The annual meeting of District 2 of the American Legion auxiliary will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, May 19, at the Hatfield town hall. There will be the nomination and election of officers for the district, also reports of the various officers and committees.

Pilgrim Fellowship

Fifteen members of the Pilgrim Fellowship attended the young people's meeting at the Turners Falls Congregational church Sunday morning. After the devotional period the guest speaker told the young people about the civil air patrol. Refreshments were served and the young people left for home at 8:30. Shirley Kelley, Sec.

Reports Given, Officers Named At Annual First Parish Meeting

Summer Hours At Northfield PO

The following hours have been announced by Postmaster Tom Hurley of Northfield, effective through the summer:

The postoffice will be open daily 8:30 to 6:00, Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30. Daily window service will be 8:30 to 5:30.

Afternoon Alliance Meets Thursday

William Morrow, librarian at Mount Hermon, scheduled to speak on books at the meeting of the Afternoon Alliance Thursday, was unable to attend because of a conflict in dates. Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Mabelle Harriman, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Gertrude Whitney gave a variety of current event items.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Slater and daughter were guests. The treasurer announced that \$135.22 was in the treasury and that a friend had given \$25. A letter of appreciation from Mrs. Frank W. Williams was read in which she expressed gratitude for the vote of thanks for her 30 years' service as treasurer, augmented by a gift of a flowering azalea plant and a silver wreath pin.

It was voted to give a Bible to each of four young people in the Sunday school who had reached the age of 12 years and \$30 for a needy child to go to Rowe camp. It was voted that Homemakers' day will be at the town hall May 22 and that women of the Unitarian church will have a food sale on the lawn beginning at 2:45.

A get-well card was signed to be sent Mrs. Thomas Parker, who is ill in Franklin county public hospital. Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Barry, chairmen, and Mrs. Slater in the absence of Mrs. Joseph Field.

Donald Thayer Serves With 1st Armored Div.

Army Pfc. Donald L. Thayer, whose wife, Ruth, lives in Northfield, is participating in "Exercise Sledge Hammer" with the 1st armored division at a maneuver area near Fort Polk, La.

The maneuver, which is scheduled to end May 24, is designed to test the combat readiness of the newly-formed "Pentomic" division.

Thayer is assigned to the 697th engineer company. He entered the army in February, 1955, and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J.

The 23-year-old soldier was graduated from New Salem academy in 1953. His father, LeRoy H. Thayer, lives in Athol.

The annual meeting of the First Parish church, Unitarian, was held Monday evening at the church vestry. L. Percy Goodspeed acted as moderator pro tem until James Spaulding, moderator, was able to take over at 9 o'clock.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Dorothy L. Miller, clerk, and voted as accepted as were the following.

Treasurer's report, Joseph G. Morgan; report of the parish committee, Eleanor M. Reed, secretary; Afternoon Alliance, Gertrude C. Whitney, secretary; Evening Alliance, Mary Eldena Pratt, secretary; Layman's league, Clarence H. Spaulding, secretary; youth group, David Billings, secretary; church school, Velma S. Miller, superintendent; church school treasurer's report, Gertrude I. Morgan; collector, Annie M. Irish; minister's report, Rev. Robert S. Slater; trustees, Frank W. Williams, secretary.

Glenn C. Billings, chairman, gave the final report for the steeple repair committee and that committee was discharged with thanks for the work they had done.

It was voted that the building and grounds committee investigate the advisability of disposing of the church sheds and report to the parish committee.

Glenn C. Billings, chairman of the nominating committee, other members, Leon H. Dunnell and Francis B. Reed, reported and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: moderator, L. Percy Goodspeed; clerk, Mrs. Carroll Miller; treasurer, Joseph G. Morgan; collector, Mrs. Annie Irish; parish committee, three years, Joseph Smolen, Mrs. Virginia Haack; auditor, Charles F. Slater; religious education committee, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. Ernest Parker, Miss Donna Glazier; grounds committee, Kenneth Miller, Herman Miner, Carroll Miller; nominating committee for 1958, James Spaulding, Robert Brassor, Raymond Knapp; Sunday school superintendent, Raymond Knapp; housekeeper, Mrs. Joseph Smolen; head usher, Francis B. Reed; chairman of United Unitarian appeal, Mrs. Philip Kavanaugh; chairman, Unitarian service committee collection, Mrs. Lewis Shine; every member canvass chairman, Kenneth Miller.

A special vote of thanks and appreciation was given to Mrs. Velma Miller for her work as superintendent of the church school during the past year.

It was voted to authorize the parish committee to raise the money necessary to carry on the church activities.

Refreshments were served by the members of the parish committee.

The Haven H. Spencer post, American Legion, No. 179, will meet Monday evening, May 20, at the Legion rooms at the town hall.

Massachusetts Turnpike Opens; To Facilitate East-West Movement

The Massachusetts State Turnpike, spanning the distance from the New York state line to Route 128 just west of Boston, opened Wednesday, less than five years after the creation of the Massachusetts state turnpike authority in 1952.

The new toll road, some 123 miles long, shortens the estimated traveling time of five hours and forty minutes from Boston to Albany by two hours and two minutes.

Although the superhighway will shorten the distance from Boston to Albany by only nine miles, it will eliminate all obstacles to traf-

fic, such as traffic lights and village crossings.

Because of the safer design of the turnpike, the maximum legal speed has been raised to 60 miles per hour, with 30 being the legal minimum.

Municipal heads throughout the state concur with Gov. Foster Furcolo in anticipating a rapid increase in the construction of industrial plants.

The interchanges nearest Northfield are numbered 4 and 5, opening onto the turnpike in West Springfield (Route 5) and Chicopee Falls (Routes 63 and 116), respectively.

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Who Should Censor?

"... an informed populace is the basis of a republic." — Thomas Jefferson

The public's "right to know" is a much overworked phrase these days. Leading news magazines and prominent newspapers have editorialized about the subject again and again in reference to the national government and its policy toward newsmen being forbidden to go to Red China, and now we see the issue on a state and local basis in Massachusetts. A bill before the legislature was designed to open meetings of local and state boards to the public and press. This bill has been so emasculated in committee that, even if it were approved by the legislature, it would have practically no effect on those groups which chose to meet in private.

Our whole system of government is based on more than the idea, more than the philosophy—it's based on the faith that man can govern himself. But this faith is based on certain assumptions, and among these is the supposition that a man knows the facts that will make it possible for him to come to a logical conclusion.

The public's "right to know," is an easy-to-understand, easy-to-repeat half truth. The public doesn't have just a right to know. As citizens in a democracy or republic or whatever you want to call the United States, each man has a duty, an obligation, a responsibility to know any information that would make him a better citizen or an intelligent voter. What man or group of men has the right or knowledge to say, "The voter should know this, but not that or that?"

This bill before the Massachusetts legislature may not pass this year, or next, or 20 years from now; but for so long as newspapers, radio, or any system of public information cannot learn and print the facts about government activity, democracy is weakened.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Northfield Press:

I noted with a great deal of appreciation your editorial on Friday, May 10. After a thorough study of the sales tax as presented by Governor Furcolo, I would change very little which I have written farmers.

However, I may have been misleading when I said "the first division of money is to your local education costs." Actually it is assumed that the \$35 per child will be used in education but I find that it is not necessarily so. Senator Ralph Mahar testified before the committee on taxation that the school committee budgets do not necessarily have to be accepted by any city or town if they are not reasonable. It has always been my experience that as a matter of practical fact cities and towns are not able to cope with excessive school expenditures and in my testimony before the legislature I stressed this fact and asked that in the final sales tax bill that some limitation be put upon ex-

penditures of this nature. As to the rest of your two editorials, there can be an honest difference of opinion. My board of directors believe that the general good to be derived from the governor's sales tax would more than offset the flaws that are sure to make themselves evident no matter who might write the bill. It would seem to us that possibly we should attempt to have this sales tax legislation enacted and at the same time do something about a ceiling on school costs.

Please understand that my organization wants proper education, reasonable pay for school teachers and adequate schools. The fact remains that under the proposed sales tax there will be a roll back of tax rates for the year 1958 and it is then up to the people to decide whether or not they wish to continue to build what the governor has seen fit to call "architectural monuments" rather than low cost but adequate schools.

Carleton I. Pickett,
Executive Secretary, Mass.
Farm Bureau Federation.

Church Notes

TRINITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister
Mrs. F. H. Mosse,
Director of Christian Education
IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir
Director

Mrs. BELLE C. MARDEN, Organist
9:45 a.m. Church School.
11:00 a.m. Public Worship.
Christening of Melissa Gay Bashaw and Melinda Finch. Sermon subject: "He Shall Be Like a Tree." Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

3:00 p.m. Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People will meet at the church to go to the Cathedral of the Pines. Each is to wear play clothes and take a picnic supper. Will return home about 6:30.

Miss Marian Allen, clerk of the church, is to be married in June. It will be the pleasure of all the individuals and organizations of the church to honor her with a shower on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the vestry. There will be a short program and refreshments.

The annual business meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at Valley Vista Inn on Thursday, preceded by a dessert served at 7 p.m. All women of the parish invited. For reservations for the dessert please phone Mrs. George Carr not later than Monday evening.

Children's Day will be observed on Sunday morning, June 2.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. HENRY MCKEON, Pastor
Rev. ANTHONY RZASSA, Curate
9:45—Sunday school.
10:30—Mass.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

PAUL BUBAR, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Young People.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
Friday evening, 7:30, Hour of Power.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

Rev. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
6:30—Loyal Workers.
7:30—Evening Service.

A mid-week prayer meeting is held Thursday evenings at 7:45.

A student group from the New England School of Theology will take part in all the Sunday services. The State Line Fellowship will have their annual Ladies' night Monday evening meeting at the church at 5:30. They will have a mystery ride and return to the Vernon Union church for supper and the program. Rev. Edgar Walker will show pictures. The Women's Missionary Society meets at the Vernon home at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

The annual concert will be given by music students of the Sunday school on Wednesday evening.

GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3 COMMUNITY

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
12:00 m.—Sunday School.
6:15—Young Peoples.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

The guest speaker for Sunday morning will be Rev. Sidney Marcy, a missionary from Honduras, Central America.

Billy Harcy will be the leader for the Young People's meeting. Monday evening a cottage prayer meeting at the Homer Browning, Sr., home.

Thursday evening a group will go to the Springfield Gospel Mission to conduct the service.

On Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock

CLOUDS

Standing alone, looking West after sunrise.
Watching the river-fog airily shaping.
Floating, pink-tipped, to receptive skies.
Drawn up as though by strong, unseen hands,—
I thrilled to the sight of clouds in the making.

Off to the East, on a rain-soaked day,
Low mountain mists, caught up as a curtain,
Were breaking in cloud shapes and floating away.
The bright setting sun lighting green slopes beneath.
My soul was uplifted like clouds from the mountain.

Many the clouds that can hover over mortals:
Gray clouds and black ones, to weigh down the soul,
Spilling their contents from wide-open portals.
Oh! for the faith to believe they will lift—
That sunlight with shadow is best on the whole.

Northfield

—GERTRUDE CHURCHILL WHITNEY

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choir rehearsal and at 3:30 Sing and Bring club.

Saturday mornig, 10:05 to 10:30 Sing and Bring club over WHAI.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

Ringe, New Hampshire
May 18—2:30 p.m., special service, World War I Widows, Inc., presentation.

May 19—11:00 a.m., United Commercial Travelers' Memorial service. William Gibb, Jr., arranging.

3:00 p.m., Bethlehem Baptist church, Springfield, Mass. The Rev. A. C. Sedgwick, officiating, and choir.

UNITARIAN

Rev. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister
Mrs. FRANCIS REED,
Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with sermon at 9:45 a.m. Visitors always welcome. Children may be left downstairs during the service.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Supt. Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller, assistants. Classes for all ages from 3 to the teens.

The young people of the church will be host to the Connecticut Valley Liberal Religious Youth Federation meeting at the church Sunday starting at 3 p.m. There will be registration, the annual business meeting with election of officers, presentation of various projects by the various groups attending including games, singing, ways and means, business meetings, discussions and worship. Dinner will be served and the dinner talk will be given by Mr. Slater. The meeting will end at 7:30 and will be the final federation meeting of the year. Groups from Palmer, Springfield, Pittsfield and Greenfield will attend, in addition to Northfield and Bernardston.

The Laymen's League-Men's club will sponsor a public card party at the church Tuesday night, May 21, at 8 p.m.

Whist, pitch, hearts, canasta, etc., will be played and will be followed by refreshments and the awarding of prizes. All who attend will qualify for the drawing for the grand prize in June, an aluminum cookware set.

The annual meetings of Unitarianism will start this coming week in Boston on Thursday, May 23, and run until Tuesday, May 28. All the various organizations of Unitarianism, including the General Alliance, L. A. Y. M. E. N's League, Liberal Religious Youth, Minister's Association, Religious Education, American Unitarian Assn., etc., will hold important meetings and sponsor various speakers. Speakers will include Norman Cousins, editor of "The Saturday Review," Charles Frank, professor of philosophy at Columbia university, Henry Margenau, professor of physics and natural philosophy at Yale, and Arthur J. Altmeyer, former commissioner of social security.

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GARDEN THEATRE

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Brattleboro
Start. Sun.
ABANDON SHIP
With Tyrone Power & Mae Zetterling
We urge you not to reveal the ending!
Wed.-Thurs. Twin Horror Show
MONSTER FROM GREEN HELL
HALF HUMAN

LATCHIS

Brattleboro, Vt.
Friday and Saturday—May 17 & 18
"Great American Pastime"
Sunday - Wednesday - May 19-21
Gregory Peck and Lauren Bacall in
"DESIGNING WOMAN"

VICTORIA THEATRE

Chapman St. Greenfield

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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

The Northfield Garden club gets the credit for the beautiful planting around the war memorial and for the work being done on traffic islands.

Among the pictures of Connecticut governors on exhibit in the Yale university library is that of James L. McConaughy who was born at Mt. Hermon while his father was head of the Bible department. He graduated from Mt. Hermon school in 1905 and later from Wesleyan college, where he became president.

The boys of Mt. Hermon will go on a "Rabbit Hollow Work Camp Weekend" this weekend, in preparation for the summer camp to be opened by Rev. James Robinson.

Lucius Janeway died in a Mt. Kisco hospital on May 3. His father, Col. Janeway, built the large home across from and west of the Roy Barrows, which burned on Easter a few years ago. The

Janeways started making this their summer home in the 1890s. The Janeway carriage house was made over into the attractive home now occupied by the McCollisters.

The Mt. Hermon junior Sunday school presented four plays written and directed by Mrs. John E. Baldwin, author of several religious pageants and dramas.

On May 13 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Closson in the Franklin County hospital.

On May 12 a grandson was born in the Hartley Bosworth family, child of the R. W. Mumblos in the Franklin County hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Powell returned from a visit to their son, David, in New Haven on Thursday. While in New Haven Mr. Powell received word of the death of the last of the New York Tribune group he had known since 1915. He attended the funeral of Edwin N. Lewis, who has visited Northfield several times, in the national cathedral and the burial service in Arlington cemetery on Wednesday.

On May 9 twin sons were born to the R. M. Vorce of West Acton, Mass. Mr. Vorce was a pilot in the second World war and is a brother of Mrs. Mildred Addison and Mrs. Ray Thompson.

On Tuesday evening, May 14, fifteen friends met with Mrs. Charlotte Morse to celebrate her 92nd birthday in the faculty rooms at the D. L. Moody birthplace. About half a dozen more signed the card which accompanied a gift, but they were not able to be present. Mrs. Clara Louise Allen made the birthday cake which Miss Margaret Mensel, hostess of the party, served with ice cream and strawberries. Mrs. Morse wore two corsages which had been

given to her and after refreshments were served entertained her friends with poetry and amusing family anecdotes, upon request. Mrs. Morse is the mother of the late Miss Stella Morse, for many years head librarian at the Northfield School for Girls. Earlier in the evening the first birthday cake was served to her by the Briesmaster family who own Valley Vista Inn where Mrs. Morse lives.

Mrs. Mary Sharon, mother of Mrs. William Morrow, has come from Philadelphia to spend the summer at Mt. Hermon as is her custom.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mussey visited their daughter, Mrs. Louise Reeves, last weekend.

Miss Mary Bunker who has been residing at Bronson's Nursing home, died April 30. In her will she left \$2,000 to the Trinitarian Congregational church.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Walker of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Del Marre of Westport, Conn., are weekending at their South Vernon summer homes.

The Gordon Parkers have just returned from a trip. On May 5 they spent parents' weekend with Evangeline at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio. May 7 they attended May Day with Judith at Upsala college in East Orange, N. J. They also visited Mr. Parker's sister and family, the Clyde Xanders of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. David Zimmerman of Lititz, Pa. May 12 weekend they spent in their former parish at Collinsville, Conn., taking part in the family service at St. Matthew Lutheran church. First-comers to the Ridge this season are Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke and Miss Minnie Erb.

May 4 a son was born to Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Thayer of Northfield in Franklin County hospital, grandson of Mrs. Flora Moore.

At the Monday evening meeting of the Sunday school teachers of the Trinitarian Congregational church, plans were made for some of the teachers to attend courses at some of the summer conferences here between July 10-25.

May 8 a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. James H. Bolton in the Franklin county hospital; grandson of Mrs. Ruth Bolton of West Northfield.

May 7 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Rockwell in the Franklin county hospital.

May 8 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Papke of Northfield.

Sixty-two persons attended the Mother-Daughter banquet at the Advent Christian church. Mrs. Sarah Finch presented a bouquet to the oldest mother present, Mrs. Lettie Glazier. Mrs. Bessie Dunklee showed her doll collection.

The Logs has opened for the season at the corner of Main street and Hermon Bridge Road.

Wynne Keever attended the din-

ner of the Greenfield Rifle club Friday at the Weldon hotel. He and Joseph Holton are the two Northfield members.

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Barrows went to England on the S.S. United States and after a few days in London went to his post at Sculthorpe in Norfolk, one of the largest U. S. Air Force bases outside this country. They are living for the present at the Driftwood hotel in Hunstanton on the North sea, not far from the base and after June 1 will have a part of two-family house there. In London Barrows saw one of his UM professors.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith came to spend Mother's Day with Mrs. W. R. Moody.

Because of the rain, the hotel served a buffet supper to the members and friends who signed up for the barbecue supper Saturday night in Harris hall.

Andrew Sheldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheldon of Warwick Rd., is one of ten in the freshman class at Colby college in Waterville, Maine, to make the dean's list, reports George Nickerson, dean of men.

Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston left Monday morning to be with her daughter's family in Maryland.

Miss Hortense Zimmerman is visiting her nephew's family, the David Hammonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moody are at their cottage at Lake Spofford.

Prof. and Mrs. Duane Squires of Colby Junior college in New London, N. H., came to spend Mother's day with Mrs. V. P. Squires on Birnam Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Heist who rented the Richard Watson cottage last summer will, after his graduation from Yale School of Forestry, move to Harford where

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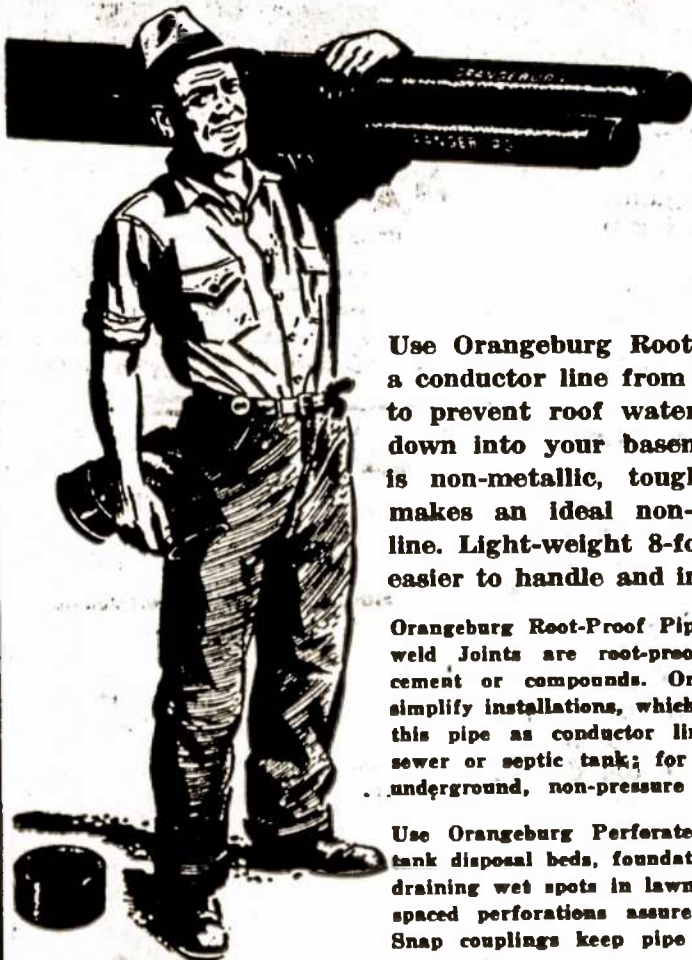
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Dickinson Library Notes

Florence H. Phelps, Librarian

Forty-eight librarians and trustees were present for the annual spring meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library association, which took place at the Dickinson library here in Northfield Thursday, May 9. The following towns were represented: Adams, Bernardston, Easthampton, Deerfield, Hatfield, South Deerfield, Greenfield, Mount Hermon, Orange, Plainfield, Shelburne, Shelburne Falls, Turners Falls and Hinsdale, N. H.

The president, Miss Mabel Glasen, librarian at the Wheeler Memorial library, Orange, presided at the business meeting. These officers were elected to serve the coming year: president, Mrs. Inez Smead, South Deerfield; vice president, Richard E. Morrill, Adams; secretary-treasurer, Gertrude E. Peck of Shelburne.

Mrs. Louise Reeves, chairman of the local library trustees, welcomed the group and introduced the speaker of the morning, William Morrow, librarian at Mount Hermon school. Other duties prevented her staying for the remainder of the day.

Mr. Morrow spoke on the subject of books for teen-agers in a most entertaining and humorous manner. Naturally his observations were more from the boys' point of view and sometimes did not agree with observations at our library. For instance, he had observed that, "teen-agers do not like to be given an illustrated book, because it seems to make them appear more juvenile." "Teen-agers wish to appear adult in reading habits as well as in other phases of modern living," he said.

I would like to make this observation; that, more teen-agers will choose an illustrated classic than one of the older editions even though the print and size of book may be comparable. I have been choosing more of these in order to make them attractive to our teen-agers, since they are on the school lists.

A delicious luncheon was served to the group at the town hall by several of the women from the Advent Christian church who wished to earn "talent dollars."

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Charles Amidon of Orange, who spoke on and showed films of her husband's hobby, the circus. Mr. Amidon's grandfather was a personal friend of Mr. Sparks of circus fame, and it was through him that Mr. Amidon became interested in the circus as a hobby.

Mr. Amidon, who is also an artist, has made models of animals and painted pictures of circus figures. He also has made a replica of a circus which was exhibited at the Wheeler Memorial library in Orange recently. Mrs. Amidon would be glad to contact community groups and organizations for a speaking engagement on this subject.

I would like to thank Mrs. Leavis, who helped with the registration, and Mrs. Luman Barber for flowers and her help in so many ways to make the library attractive for our guests.

I was unable to hear the afternoon speaker as I took this opportunity to choose about forty of the new books which were displayed by a dealer from Springfield. Most of these were children's books and will be displayed in the reading room as soon as they have been processed for circulation. Reserves may be made on these but none will "go out" until Wednesday, May 22.

Attending this meeting from the local library were the librarians, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Jean Hatheway, trustees.

In our "Currier & Ives" exhibit this week, we are showing some of the one hundred or more copies which Miss Priscilla Cram has in her collection. Miss Cram is a student in the high school.

For the past two weeks I have been answering questions as to the reason for the new iron posts on our lawn. The answer has appeared in the form of a new sign for our library. It is painted white with black lettering and gives the hours when the library will be open. These letters are large enough to be seen from the road and the trustees hope that this will prove advantageous to patrons of the library.

Wed in Hartford

Miss Esther Schryba, daughter of Mrs. Peter Schryba, formerly of Northfield, now of Hartford, and Andrew Zaluzny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zaluzny of South Vernon, were married Saturday at the Ukrainian church in Hartford. The couple will reside in Hartford.

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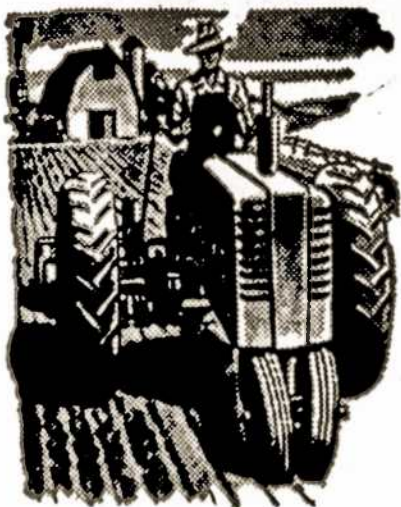
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The Pioneer Valley Regional school committee is pleased to present to you the following outline of school subjects. It is their wish that the subjects offered are extensive enough to fulfill as nearly as possible the desires and needs of each individual student. From this outline, each student should select such subjects for grades nine through twelve as will meet the requirements of his probable vocation, profession or educational plans beyond high school.

The choice of a vocation or profession and the selection of courses may well be the most important decision in one's life. This choice of program will require careful thought and planning. The high school student should consult teachers, advisors, parents, people experienced in their chosen vocation and all available literature. His program should be planned according to his abilities, interests and needs, and should be a well-rounded, flexible program. Programs should not be too narrowly restricted to strictly vocational courses, but should be broadened to include generally cultural and broadening studies. As a matter of fact, if you contemplate attending a secretarial, agricultural or other strictly vocational school after high school, it is definitely advisable to pursue in high school as broad and generally cultural a program as possible.

Every student should have a definite aim in life. This aim should be the focal point of all his high school endeavors. The degree to which this goal is attained will be determined by the importance that the student places upon his future career, the diligence with which he works toward that goal, and the spirit of cooperation he shows toward his fellow students and faculty members.

The Pioneer Valley Regional high school is a six-year comprehensive high school. It is organized into two divisions: the junior high school consists of the students in grades seven, eight and nine; the high school includes grades ten, eleven and twelve.

The following is the curriculum as developed for grades seven and eight:

Grade 7	
Subject	Pd. per Week
Literature	7
English, Composition and Social Studies	5
Mathematics	5
Science	3
Health and Hygiene	1
Homemaking (girls)	2
Industrial Arts (boys)	2
Physical Education	2
Music	1
Art	2
Orientation and Guidance	2
	30

Grade 8	
Subject	Pds. per Week
English, Composition and	

Literature	6
General Language	3
Social Studies	5
Mathematics	5
Science	3
Health and Hygiene	1
Homemaking (girls)	2
Industrial Arts (boys)	2
Physical Education	2
Music	1
Art	1
Orientation and Guidance	1
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The curriculum for grades nine through twelve is arranged to include certain core subjects required of all students during these four years. All remaining subjects are listed as electives. Thus, a student may select from the electives those subjects which will make it possible for him to follow a college preparatory, commercial, general, homemaking, industrial arts or agriculture course.

Any student planning to take the college preparatory course should consult freely the college catalogs to determine the high school subjects required to gain admission to the college of his choice. The usual college requirements are four years of English; three courses in mathematics; two courses in science; two courses in years of a foreign language; two social studies; and three other

courses of a college preparatory caliber. In a like manner students desiring to become teachers, nurses or other specialists should elect all courses required for admission to these particular schools or colleges.

Students desiring to pursue a career in secretarial work should select those subjects necessary to prepare him most adequately for that type of commercial endeavor in which he is most interested. Students planning to take the homemaking, industrial arts or agricultural courses should take all those subjects listed for their particular course, plus such courses that will assure a well-rounded and adequate high school program.

At least four five-credit courses must be selected each year. Courses taken in the ninth grade will count toward college credit, but not toward graduation from senior high school. Courses taken in grades ten through twelve also count toward graduation. A student must have accumulated at least 15 credits during the sophomore year to be classified as a junior. A junior must have accumulated at least 35 credits to become a senior and a senior must have earned at least 60 credits in order to graduate. Only a total of five credits in single-credit or half-credit subjects will be accepted

toward graduation.

The following is the curriculum as developed for grades nine through twelve:

Grade 9		
Required subjects	Pds. per Week	Credits
Guidance	1	1/4
English	5	5
Civics	2	2
Physical Education	2	1
Grade 10		
Required subjects	Pds. per Week	Credits
Electives	5	5
General Science	5	5
Latin I	5	5

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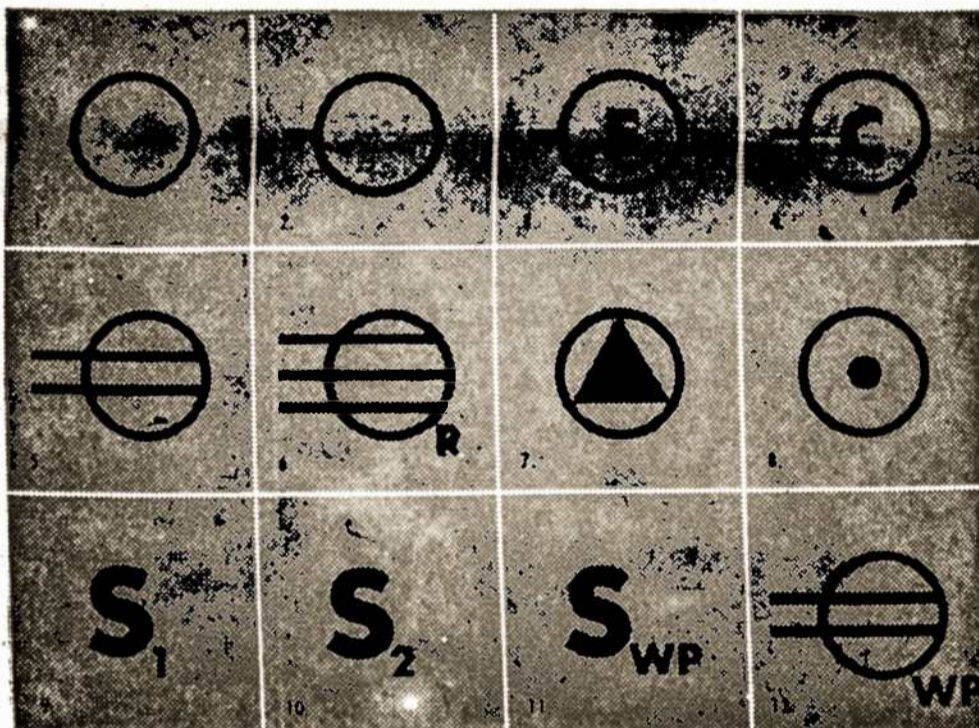
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*Algebra I	5	5
*General Mathematics	5	5
Homemaking I	10	5
Agriculture I	12	10
Industrial Arts I	10	5
Arts and Crafts	2	1
Chorus	1	½
Band	1	½
Mechanical Drawing I	2	1
Music Theory and Harmony	2	1

*A mathematics course is required of all.

Grade 10		
Pds. per		
Required subjects Week	Credits	
English 10	5	5
Biology	5	5
Typewriting	5	2½
Physical Education	2	1
*Guidance	1	½

*Not required in agriculture course.

Pds. per		
Week	Credit	
Electives		
Geometry	5	5
Latin II	5	5
French I	5	5
Bookkeeping	5	5
Homemaking II	10	5
Industrial Arts II	10	5
Agriculture II	12	10
Mechanical Drawing II	2	1
Arts and Crafts	2	1
Chorus	1	½
Band	1	½
Music Theory and Harmony	2	1

Pds. per		
Week	Credits	
Required subjects		
English 11	5	5
U. S. History	5	5
Physical Education	2	1
Speech	1	1

Pds. per		
Week	Credit	
Electives		
French II	5	5
Physics	7	5
Algebra II	5	5
Stenography I	5	5
Typing II	5	2½
Business Machines	5 to 10	5
Homemaking II	10	5
Industrial Arts	10	5
Agriculture III	12	10
Arts and Crafts	2	1
Chorus	1	½
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High School News Notes

Patty Amsden Reporting

Thursday, May 16, 1957

Our magazine party last Friday night was a very successful affair. The entire program was under the direction of the student council with John Trumbull, faculty advisor, in charge. Games were played, contests and relays were conducted with prizes of lollipops and candy to the winning teams.

After a series of games, prizes were awarded as follows:

First prize of a flash camera complete with bulbs and two rolls of film went to Kay Lombard of the freshman class; an identification bracelet went to Curtis Shine; Joyce Roberts won the plasticase. Other awards were pencil crayons to Carolyn Fish, Beatrice Bassett, Carolyn Williams, Scripto pencils to William Llewellyn and Walter White; wallets went to Robert Barnes and Diane Leach, and boxes of pencils went to Jack Mann and James Dresser.

Refreshments of sodas and cookies were enjoyed followed by dancing until 11. Faculty members present were Mr. and Mrs. John Trumbull, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Raymond Buell and Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard. About 75 students attended.

In sports during the past week, our girls lost their softball games with Hinsdale and Sanderson but were able to defeat the Powers girls last Monday. Our boys lost baseball games to Thayer and Charlemont and on Tuesday the game with Powers boys was rained out. This game is to be played some time next week.

The sports schedule during the next week includes a baseball game here tomorrow afternoon with Winchester and a game next Tuesday at Hinsdale. The girls will play a softball game next Tuesday here with the Charlemont girls as our guests.

Everything is in readiness for the Junior-Senior Prom to be pre-

Grade 12		
Pds. per		
Required subjects Week	Credits	
English 12	5	5
Problems of Democracy	5	5
Physical Education	2	1
Speech	1	1
Home Nursing (girls)	1	1

Pds. per		
Week	Credit	
Electives		
Chemistry	7	5
Solid Geometry, Trigonometry and Introductory Calculus	5	5
French III	5	5
Stenography II	5	5
Office Practice	5 to 10	5
Refresher Arith.	3	3
Homemaking IV	10	5
Industrial Arts	10	5
Agriculture IV	12	10
Arts and Crafts	2	1
Chorus	1	½
Band	1	½
Music Theory and Harmony	2	1

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sented at the town hall tomorrow evening. Decorations of brightly colored butterflies emphasize the theme "Butterfly Dance." The juniors and seniors have been busy the past few evenings decorating the hall under the direction of M. Carleton Brown. A very enjoyable time is promised for all those who attend.

The course of study sheets for all students in grades eight through eleven have now been completed. Much interest has been shown in the new courses to be offered in the Regional school. Many students expressed the desire to take subjects in addition to those required for their chosen profession or vocation.

Mr. Leonard attended a meeting at Hoyloke high school yesterday afternoon as a representative of the smaller high schools in this area. An attempt is being made to organize and conduct a Western Massachusetts small high school baseball tournament in June similar to the one that has been held for many years by the larger high schools.

Our school will hold its annual Memorial Day program at the town hall Wednesday, May 29, in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

Plans have been made for several numbers by the band; the Gettysburg address to be delivered by Richard Repeta; songs by a seventh and eighth grade group; an original play entitled "Private Hargrove" by an eighth grade group under Mrs. Hammond, and other special numbers. A complete program will be presented next week.

Next week, we also hope to present to you the names of the juniors who will go to Boys' State and Girls' State.

Named Vice President

Arolyn R. Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Bolton of East Northfield and a junior at Springfield college, has been named vice president of the women's dormitory for the 1957-1958 academic year. She is majoring in physical education.

She will work with and assist the dormitory council in all phases of dormitory living sanctioned by the residents for the coming year and will work directly with the dean of women at Springfield college.

Girl Scout News

Carol Lombard, scribe, reports that her group of Girl Scouts met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Walbridge as leaders. Paula Smith led the opening exercises. Quarter awards will be given out at the Little house on May 25.

Beautiful Ceremony Held for Wedding Of Miss Sadie Cutler

At a double ring ceremony performed by Rev. Elvin Blackstone, former pastor of the Advent Christian church on Sunday afternoon on the lawn of their future home, Sadie Mae Cutler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cutler of Warwick, formerly of South Vernon, and Robert Earl Shippa, son of Mrs. Warren Brown and the late Eugene Shippa, Sr., of South Vernon, were united in marriage.

The couple stood under an arch decorated with roses and the wedding music was played by Mrs. Bessie Dunklee on the accordion.

The bride's dress was of white flowered nylon, princess style, ballerina length and she carried a bouquet of variegated tea roses.

Her sister, Miss Barbara Cutler of Brattleboro, was bridesmaid, wearing a figured white linen dress and carrying a bouquet of roses and sweetpeas. Alton Cutler, brother of the bride, from Chesterfield, N. H., was best man.

Both the bride's and bridegroom's mothers wore lavender dresses and corsages of spring flowers. Mrs. Phyllis Hewett, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Alton Cutler, sister-in-law, served at the reception. Mrs. Rosella Desbuns of New Haven, Conn., was in charge of the guest book.

The bride attended Orange high school and the bridegroom attended the Brattleboro high school and is employed on the farm of Ernest Dunklee and Son of South Vernon.

Following a trip to New York state the couple will live at South Vernon.

Garden Club Meeting

The Northfield Garden club will meet one week earlier than usual this month on May 20, next week Monday—at the Alexander hall at 7:45. Mrs. Norman Nims will speak on "Flowers of Mexico."

The Rev. Robert L. Curry, headmaster, The Lenox School, Lenox, Mass., will be the guest speaker at the Sunday service in Memorial chapel, Mount Hermon School for Boys at 10:30 a.m.

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Attend Federation Meet

Mrs. Rose L. Spencer, president; Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., first vice president; Mrs. Dana Leavis, second vice president, of the Fortnightly and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, vice chairman of the community service committee, and Mrs. George W. Carr, vice chairman of the division of American Home of the State Federation, attended the annual meetings of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's clubs at Swampscott this week. Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed was elected to the nominating committee of the Federation for 1958-59. She served as president of the local Fortnightly in 1939-1940.

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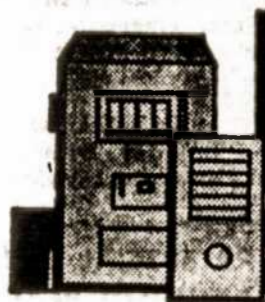
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For Dr. Ruth Holton, 26**

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kidder Funeral home with Rev. Joseph Reeves officiating for Dr. Ruth Brettie Holton, age 26, who was killed in an automobile accident on Thursday, May 9, in Iowa City, Iowa, where she made her home.

She was the daughter of the late Ralph and May Weston Holton of West Northfield, born on Nov. 10, 1930, in Montague.

She graduated from Northfield high school, Vermont Junior college, the University of Massachusetts, and has received her master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Iowa. She received her doctorate in psychology in Iowa last August and has been working in the field of psychology at the university since that time.

She is survived by a sister, Miss Vera Holton of Iowa City, and two brothers, Joseph Holton of Northfield and Clinton Holton of Troy, N. Y.

Burial was at the West Northfield cemetery.

Bearers were Donald Lilly, Leiland Lawrence, Henry Martineau, Jerome Gingras and Ralph Lyons.

**Homemakers' Day
Here Wednesday**

The Franklin County Extension service will hold its annual Homemakers' day at the Northfield town hall Wednesday, May 22, from 10:30 to 3 o'clock. Will you please issue an invitation to all to come and join us in Northfield?

In the morning the program will include dress, coat and hat reviews by our own homemakers. Virginia Davis, clothing specialist from the University, will tell us about the man-made fabrics, and Mrs. Herbert Wydom, the state council safety chairman, will bring a message on home safety.

In the afternoon Joseph Burroughs, human relations specialist, will speak on "Understanding in Our Home." Rev. Ewald Mand of the First Baptist church of Amherst will present a talk on "The Homemaker and World Understanding." There will also be news from pen pals.

The nursery committee has made arrangements for the care of children in the Unitarian church, which is just across the street from the Northfield town hall. Contributions will be accepted to cover expenses.

Luncheon tickets can be secured from Mrs. John Spindler of East Northfield, the luncheon being served by ladies of the Northfield Congregational church.

The ladies of the Unitarian church will have a food sale about opposite the town hall at 2:45 that afternoon.

**Public Health Nurse
Makes Monthly Report**

Mrs. Marion Billings, public health nurse, has reported her April work included 116 cases visited: four pre-school children, 46 school children and 65 adults.

One child was taken to the dentist and one to the doctor's office for sutures. Four youngsters were transported to their homes, having become ill at school. Ten children were seen at a treatment center.

A Civil Defense meeting as well as a tuberculosis association meeting at University of Massachusetts were attended.

Weighing and measuring of school children has been started in preparation for final reports.

**Former Teacher Here
Dies at Age of 92**

Miss Jessie Elizabeth Bigelow, teacher of college preparatory subjects at Mount Hermon School for Boys for thirty years before her retirement in 1931, died Saturday, May 11, in Cooley Dickinson hospital, Northampton. She was 92 years old.

Born in Brandon, Vt., Aug. 20, 1865, she was the daughter of the

late Dr. Orvis F. Bigelow and Mary (Pingry) Bigelow. Dr. Bigelow was for many years a prominent physician in Amherst.

Miss Bigelow was educated in Amherst public schools, Miss Howland's private school, Smith college, Sauveur school of foreign languages and the American school for classical study in Rome, Italy.

Miss Bigelow was a member of the First Baptist church, a charter member of the New England Classical Assn., and the Tuesday

club. She is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Everett Dunlap of Pond Springs, Calif., and Mrs. C. Leslie Weldner of Cranberry, N. J.

A committal service was held at Wildwood cemetery Tuesday, May 14, with Rev. Ewald Mand, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Bearers were William Sanctuary, Harvey Strong, Sr., Carleton Livermore and Arthur Conant. Arrangements were made by the Douglass Funeral service of Amherst.

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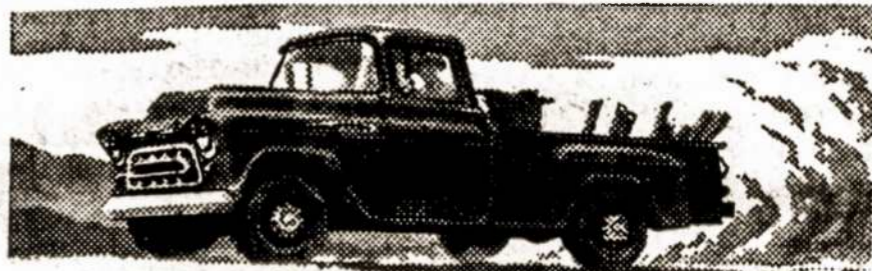
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